FIRE STARTED BY CLOCK,

SMALL PROSECUTOR SAYS

Two Testify That Mechanism Could

Have Caused Blaze After Murder

Ossipee, N. H., Jan. 3.- Testimony bout mechanical contrivances fo starting a fire at a stated time figured

rominently in the trial to-day of Fred

erick L. F. Small, charged with the

and that the device was timed to start

London Reports Progress on Mesopo tamian Front Despite Heavy Rains

the Tigris front, where offensive opera-

tions recently were resumed after a

Dr. Carleton answered in

were Fred Willenbrock, Benjamin B

Marco, Samuel Trimmer and Charles

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## GERMANS SMASH DOBRUDJA LINES; MACIN CAPTURED

Bridgehead's Fall Virtually Clears Province - Imperils Braila and Galatz

RUSSIANS FLEE INTO FORTS OF FOCSANI

Falkenhayn Menaces Key to Sereth Line-Rumanians Repulse von Gerck

ollapsed yesterday, and the

### War Office Versions of Drive in Rumania

captured by storm and fighting. Russian and unter attacks were re-

## Russian Position Hopeless in Dobrudja, Berlin Says

Berlin, Jan. 3 (by wireless to Say-ville).—Regarding the present situa-tion in Rumania the Overseas News Rumanian granary. The eastRumanian granary. The eastRumanian granary. The eastgranary forces
a nands of Mackensen's forces
anemy's guns are shelling the
granary forces
are two sides.

The position of the Russians, under
Sakharoff, pressed into the northwest
corner of Dobrudja, is becoming more
corner of Dobrudja, is becoming more
corner of Dobrudja.

the periphery of which are Ma Braila, Galatz, Reni and Ratchela,

Bugecu to Achalau, which leads over

### on frontier the enemy Germans Fail to Hold Lines Seized in Galicia

London, Jan. 3 .- The activity of the d south beyond that Russian and German infantry erion we regained a portion Galicia is increasing. Following a furnished lost by us yesterday rious bombardment of the Russian po Rumanian front the Rustiens in the villages of Batkuv.

Mansiuv and Garbuaov yesterday, the Mansiuv and Garbuaov yesterday, the Toutons took the offensive along this whole front and succeeded in breaking into the Russian trenches. A counter attack thrust them back to their former lines.

withdrew in a westerly withdrew in a westerly ring the day be resumed ith superior forces and the Burmanians to their Volhynia, while two others we k the Rumanians to their Volhynia, while two others wer tion, er of a drumfire bombard-killed in batties with Russian airmen

## COL. HOUSE SEES WILSON ON PEACE

Arrival Coincident with Report That Teutons Reveal Terms

FOREIGN SITUATION KNOWN TO ADVISOR

Entente Reply to President Will Dwell on War Prevention

Washington, Jan. 3. Coincident with the receipt here to-day of confidential ing gas the enemy in close formation advices giving the broad outlines of attacked along the railway southwest of Focsani a portion of one of our regiments. Being met with our well son's note proposing a discussion of at the White House. The colonel's last

terms, and that the Entente Allies could obtain them from him.
Officials at the White House and the

State Department would not discuss these developments further than to say definitely that no further move on the part of the American government would be determined until the Entente reply was received. It was said that the President still had his mind open on

left the way open for the confidential exchange of terms between the opposing groups of nations. In view of the delicate nature of the negotiations, ex-

Drive by the Germans nation. Through his two visits to Europe since the war began, he is considered by the Administration to have
a complete knowledge of the many
cross-currents operating for and against
peace in the several nations at war.
It is generally expected that after receipt of the reply of the Entente Allies
President Wilson will communicate
again with both sides. Through the Alps Is Pre-

**DEMANDS BRITISH** 

By FRED B. PITNEY

Paris, Jan. 3.—The possibility of

with clockwork to cause the burning Gustave Hervé, in of the Small cottage to conceal the morning, devotes a leader to the subject, manner in which Mrs. Small was killed. calling on Great Britain to take over

and Dr. Bartley A. Carleton, both of whom searched the ruins, were ques-ioned about articles found there that night have been part of a fire-zetting BRITISH ADVANCE ON TIGRIS | effort, and she has

ied of quiet during the hot. The following official report from this front was given out here Salonica campaign, and railroads have always been Hindenburg's chief tools

understood to think that the moves already made will be helpful ultimately, regardless of the immediate consequences.

Preliminary information received and northeast of Kut-el-Amara."

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# DANGER TO SWISS dent's suggestion that means be found for preserving peace in the future than did the reply of the Central Powers, which suggested postponement of this question until after the present war. Colonel House has kept in very close touch with all developments in the situation. Through his two visits to Europe since the war became he is con-

dicted in Paris

TAKE OVER MORE LINE

Gustave Herve Says Nivelle Needs Troops for "Army of Manœuvre"

there is Russia, Hindenburg's pet ob-

the Tigris front have been impeded by mailed by italy to make an offensive against the latter look successful heavy rain, which has fallen almost while the same thing is

# ALARMS FRENCH resistance, while it would also be made easier and more practicable to reach France than Italy by way of the Alps." Reasoning in this strain, M. Herve calls for the immediate formation of a great French army of manoguvre. He

great French army of manœuvre. He points to the Verdun offensive launched by the Germans at the end of February called before the Federal grand jury

JURORS HEAR COAL DEALERS

Four Before Body Continue Price In-

ople who violated Belgium would last year, and says that this year, in its situate to expose Switzerland to the me fate. Thus, attacking France rough Switzerland, the Germans ght expect to get half way through latter country before meeting real istance, while it would also be much user and more practicable to reach the says that this year, in its the high worn grant the beginning of February. "For the Allies every day counts as weeks," he concludes.

great French army of manoguvre. He points to the Verdun offensive launched

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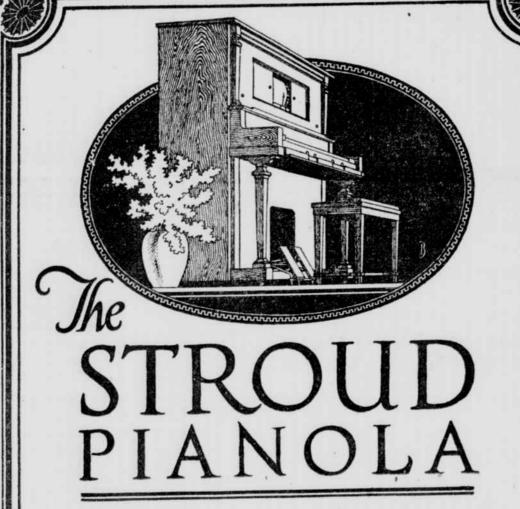
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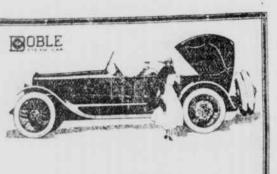
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